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## MRS. PANG TAI TAI

AUGUST 12 (legislative day, AUGUST 11), 1970.—Ordered to be printed

Mr. EASTLAND, from the Committee on the Judiciary,  
submitted the following

### REPORT

[To accompany S. 3853]

The Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill (S. 3853) for the relief of Mrs. Pang Tai Tai, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon without amendment and recommends that the bill do pass.

#### PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of the bill is to waive the excluding provision of existing law relating to one who cannot read and understand some language or dialect in behalf of the sister of a U.S. citizen.

#### STATEMENT OF FACTS

The beneficiary of the bill is a 62-year old native and citizen of China, who presently resides in Hong Kong, British Crown Colony, where she is employed as a seamstress in a garment factory. A fifth preference visa petition filed by the beneficiary's U.S. citizen sister was approved on June 17, 1968. However, the beneficiary has been unable to qualify for a visa on the ground that she is unable to read and understand some language or dialect. The beneficiary's sister is anxious that they be reunited for their remaining years, and will guarantee financial support.

A letter, with attached memorandum, dated August 11, 1970, to the chairman of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary from the Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization reads as follows:

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,  
IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE,  
*Washington, D.C., August 11, 1970.*

HON. JAMES O. EASTLAND,  
*Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary,*  
*U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C.*

DEAR SENATOR: In response to your request for a report relative to the bill (S. 3835) for the relief of Mrs. Pang Tai Tai, there is attached a memorandum of information concerning the beneficiary.

The bill would waive the provision of the Immigration and Nationality Act which excludes from admission to the United States aliens who cannot read and understand some language or dialect and would authorize the beneficiary's admission for permanent residence if otherwise admissible under the act. It also limits the exemption granted the beneficiary to a ground for exclusion known to the Department of State or the Department of Justice prior to the date of its enactment.

The beneficiary, a native of China, is chargeable to the fifth preference portion of the numerical limitation for immigrants and conditional entrants from countries in the Eastern Hemisphere.

Sincerely,

RAYMOND F. FARRELL, *Commissioner.*

MEMORANDUM OF INFORMATION FROM IMMIGRATION AND  
NATURALIZATION SERVICE FILES RE S. 3853

The beneficiary, Mrs. Pang Tai Tai, a native and citizen of China, was born on September 7, 1907. She resides in Hong Kong, British Crown Colony, where she has been employed as a seamstress in a garment factory since 1965. The amount of her earnings is not known. The beneficiary attended an elementary school in China for about 3 years and cannot read or write. She married Chun Lun Cheuk, a native of China, in 1924 and he died in 1943. Their only child, a daughter, was born in 1927 and resides in Hong Kong. Other than her sister who lives in Coahoma, Miss., the beneficiary has no close relatives in the United States. Her sister filed a petition on March 18, 1968, to accord her fifth preference classification in the issuance of an immigrant visa, which was approved on June 17, 1968. The latest information indicates that a number under this preference is available.

Mrs. Pang June How, the interested party, was born in China on July 28, 1923. She resides with her husband in Coahoma, where they are the owners and operators of a grocery store. From the business, they receive an income of \$8,000 a year and their net worth is about \$100,000. She married Lau Yin, a native of China and U.S. citizen, in Hong Kong on March 4, 1961. She was admitted to the United States for permanent residence on June 6, 1961. Mrs. Pang June How became a citizen of the United States by virtue of her naturalization on February 9, 1966.

Senator James O. Eastland, the author of the bill, submitted the following report dated April 13, 1970, from the American Consul General in Hong Kong, concerning the case:

HONG KONG, BRITISH CROWN COLONY,  
April 13, 1970.

HON. JAMES O. EASTLAND,  
U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: I am writing with regard to the proposed immigration of Mrs. Pang Tai Tai, the sister of Mrs. June How Pang of Coahoma, Miss. Mrs. Pang is ineligible to receive a visa under section 212(a)(25) of the Immigration and Nationality Act which prohibits issuance of a visa to anyone over 16 years of age who, while not physically unable, cannot read and understand some language or dialect.

You last wrote to our office about Mrs. Pang's case on February 11, 1970. Since that time, in response to your request, we have processed Mrs. Pang's application, and she has taken the required medical examination. Mrs. Pang qualifies for a visa in every respect except her illiteracy.

Usual local checks have not yet been completed, but we anticipate no difficulty in that respect. However, if derogatory information does come to light, we will inform you immediately.

Sincerely yours,

EDWIN W. MARTIN, *Consul General.*

In addition, Senator Eastland submitted the following affidavit in support of the bill:

#### AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI,  
County of Coahoma:

This day personally appeared before me, the undersigned authority within and for the County and State aforesaid, the within named and undersigned Lau Hee Yin, an adult Chinese resident of Coahoma County, Mississippi, personally known to me, who on oath deposes and says as follows:

He, Lau Hee Yin, has been a resident of the Village of Coahoma, in Coahoma County, Mississippi, for not less than 40 years, where he has maintained a successful drygoods and grocery store. During this period of time he has maintained at Coahoma National Bank of Clarksdale, Mississippi, formerly Coahoma County Bank & Trust Company, a bank account, keeping therein from year to year a cash balance of not less than \$3,000.00.

Over the year Lau Hee Yin has reported and paid his Federal Income Taxes and he has successfully met his financial obligations at all times.

He, Lau Hee Yin, has a home in the said Village of Coahoma where he now lives with his three grandchildren, Nancy Lau, age 21, Marshall Lau, age 19, and Carolyn Lau, age 16. These grandchildren are also the grandchildren of Pang June How Lau, who is a sister of the immigrant, Madam Pang Tai Tai.

Deponent, Lau Hee Yin, proposes to provide for the immigrant, Madam Pang Tai Tai, a home with his said wife and grandchildren in the Village of Coahoma, Mississippi. He is able to and will support her, she is part of his family by marriage and he feels a moral obligation to provide for her a suitable place of abode and support. The purpose of the within affidavit is to show the financial ability, wish and intent of deponent, Lau Hee Yin, to provide for the immigrant, Madam Pang Tai Tai, should she be granted a visa to the United States of America.

To avoid misunderstanding in reference to the aforesaid affidavit, the wife of Lau Hee Yin, actually the step-grandmother of the aforesaid three grandchildren of deponent, the grandmother being deceased for many years and she being considered by them as their true grandmother.

LAU HEE YIN.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 11th day of April 1970.

LOUISE T. HAGWOOD,  
*Notary Public.*

My Commission expires September 5, 1970.

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI,  
*County of Coahoma:*

This day personally appeared before me, the undersigned authority within and for the County and State aforesaid, the within named and undersigned Tom T. Ross, an attorney at Law of Clarksdale, Mississippi, who on oath says that he has known Lau Hee Yin of the Village of Coahoma, Coahoma County, Mississippi, for not less than 40 years, that to his knowledge Lau Hee Yin has owned and operated in the Village of Coahoma, Mississippi, a successful grocery store and he has reared and supported his children and grandchildren from said business and in the Village of Coahoma and he now resides thereat in a residence constructed and now owned by him.

TOM T. ROSS.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 11th day of April 1970.

LOUISE T. HAYWOOD,  
*Notary Public.*

My Commission expires September 5, 1973.

The committee, after consideration of all the facts in the case, is of the opinion that the bill (S. 3853) should be enacted.

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